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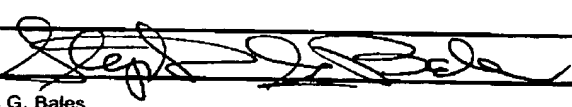
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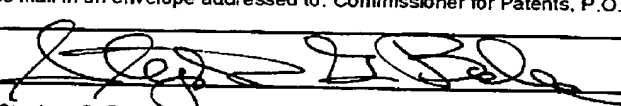
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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of Aug. 24, 2006, please amend the above application as follows:

**AMENDMENTS**

**Amendment to the Claims** begin on page 2. These amendments eliminate all new issues that would require further consideration and/or search. Claims 2 and 17 are rewritten in the independent form as authorized by 37 CFR 41.33; in both claims the ranges have been returned to the original values. Markings have been added to indicate changes since the previous Amendment as requested in the Non-Compliance notification.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6. The arguments include the item 8 rejection of the Advisory Action and provide rationale for entry of the document at issue, the affidavit of June 19, 2006 into the record. They also include arguments to include additional evidence into the record based on the final rejection received in the April 5, 2006 OA.